

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: lzlisas1

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1900104.018

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 30 May 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 29 May 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

'lzlisas1' is a colour image that depicts a two seemingly identical young female cartoon characters engaging in sexual activity. It presents as a contrived and surreal scenario that has most likely been created for the purpose of edgy or transgressive humour. The image cannot seriously be said to legitimise or encourage an interest in the sexual exploitation or abuse of children or young people, nor does it trivialise such conduct. However, the image does require restriction. The frank depiction of sexual activity, even if it is in an undetailed and illustrative style, is likely cause harm to younger viewers. They are unlikely to have the maturity or experience to deal with this type of sexual humour, and are likely to be confused by it. They are less likely to understand the transgressive intent and this may well adversely affect the development of their sexual or social attitudes. The image is unrealistic and puerile in nature and a restriction to older teenagers and adults is considered sufficient. The image is therefore classified as objectionable except if its availability is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years. This classification is the lowest reasonable limitation that can be placed upon the right to freedom of expression contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 in order to prevent injury to the public good.